

As a widow now dependent solely on my income I have struggled to make ends meet. I was forced to sell the custom home that we had recently finished because I could no longer afford to keep it. The downturn in the economy and housing market meant that I received much less for my home than it was worth and much less than we had invested in it. My son who carries the burden of student loans was unemployed for 7 months. His new job barely pays his basic bill, he may be moving back in with me. I provide this background to emphasize that the ills of this country did not happen by some unknown event.

The fact that gaps exist is current legislation that allows for some workers to escape the requirement to be licensed in order to perform work while others must meet the licensing requirements is an outrage. Our statutes are filled with gaps like this. Was this gap the result of corporate greed and a desire to avoid having to pay the fee for the license? It does not matter.

Before members of the General Law Committee today is HB 6446 AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED COMPETITIVE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS, the opportunity is here today to close this gap. Part of this bill is about capturing revenue that has been lost because of holes in our state laws. The state needs money, the citizens need to be protected from poor or dangerous work practices and individual taxpayers like me cannot absorb anymore of the load. The positive impact of this bill for Connecticut families with respect to consumer protection and revenue gains is real and significant.

Please do not be coerced by the Video Service Providers into opposing this bill. I beg you to vote yes for HB 6446.

Sincerely,



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